Attachment of property under the Direct Taxation Act

813. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the scheme of attaching property under Direct Taxation Act to major cities in the country as reported in 'Vyapar' of Bombay; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether appropriate authorities will be set up separately in each city and whether a separate fund has been created by Government and allocated to Central Board of Direct Taxes for this purpose; and

(c) whether there is a provision for appeal to High Courts against the decision of appropriate authorities; if so, whether such appeals are pending in various cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Further extension of the provision of Chapter XXC of the Income-tax Act is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The question whether appropriate authority will be set up separately in each city (to which the provisions may be extended) is under the consideration of the Government.

There is no separate fund as such; however, the expenditure on acquisition of immovable properties under Chapter XXC of the Income-tax Act has been provided under Demand No. 35, Direct Taxes for 1988-89.

(c) No, Sir. However, some writ petitions have been filed in the various High Courts by the affected parties.

Increase in the incidents of rape in Delhi

814. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in more than half of the registered cases of rape in Delhi during the last three years the victims were minors;

(b) whether the police has undertaken a study to find out the causes and the steps to prevent such crimes; and

(c) what is the reason for the increase in rape incidents in Delhi and whether prosecutions are launched against the offenders expeditiously and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such study has been undertaken by the Delhi Police. To prevent such crimes, the relevant laws have been made more stringent and police vigilance has been increased.

(c) Prosecution are launched expeditiously. In the case of 1985, 10 persons have been convicted and in cases of 1986, 2 persons have been convicted.

815. [*Transferred to the 13th May, 1988*].

Redesigning and Restructuring of Central Excise and Customs Department

816. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration regarding redesigning and restructuring of the Central Excise and Customs Department; and